ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for determining the usage of space in a database is provided. A first set of space usage data that reflects the amount of free space associated with one or more tablespaces of a database is stored at a first database server. A second set of space usage data is retrieved from one or more other database servers. The first set of space usage data and the second set of space usage data are both updated based on changes made to the database by the particular database server storing the space usage data. The first set of space usage data is updated at the first database server with the second set of space usage data. The first database server may evaluate the usage of space in the database based on the updated first set of space usage data.